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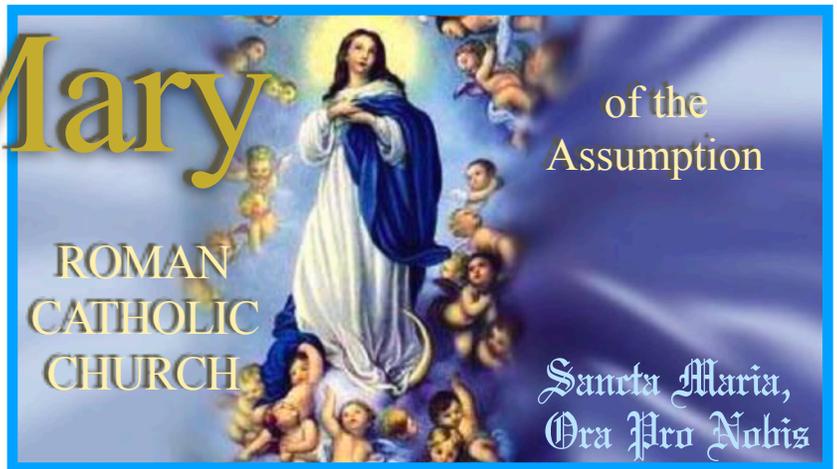
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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am



Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 26, 2019

Seek the Peace of Jesus Fr. Bosco Padamattummal

I want to deal with just one verse, one very wonderful verse, a very important one. **John 14:27 says, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled."** Peace appears twice in that brief verse. It is a constant pursuit of what is the turmoil in us, near us and dominating the fallen world. There is an absence of personal peace, family peace national peace and international peace. There are always people trying to come up with solutions of some kind between conflicting parties. People want peace in their lives. They want some tranquility in their lives. Everybody seeks that, law enforcement is trying to keep the peace, and global arbitrators are trying to establish peace until we all finally rest in peace.

But there is a peace that comes only from God, and that's the peace that is being presented to us in the verse I read. Now in the Old Testament, there's a familiar word for peace. It's the word shalom, and it's used more than 250 times. In fact, it is the most normal greeting among Jewish people, and has been for centuries: "Shalom." It means a wish for completeness, a wish for fulfillment, or satisfaction, or blessing; a wish for prosperity on all levels. In other words, it is a desire that all that is good would flow into your life. The New Testament counterpart to that word is the word *eirn*, from which we get the feminine name Irene, literally describes a tranquil state of the soul, a soul at rest, a satisfied soul. That's the biblical view of peace. Humanity would define peace mostly in negative terms: to be without trouble; it would be the absence of hostility.

When Jesus says, "I'm giving you My peace," He says, "it's not the peace the world gives you." He says it at the most dramatic, potentially disturbing, distressing moment in His life, at the Last Supper. He is leaving the world in hours through the means of execution on a cross. He also knows that His disciples are profoundly distressed. They had certainly everything they could possibly hope for and more in His presence for three years, but now He is leaving. He has said that to them repeatedly. He'll say it again in verse 28: "I'm going away." And He knows that this is troubling to them. As chapter 14 opens, He says, "Stop letting your hearts be troubled." So He is going to give to them a kind of peace which will put an end to their troubled heart. But this is a supernatural peace. So when we talk about peace, let's look at verse 27 and see how our

Lord gives us "Peace I leave with you." This is a gift. This is not a command, this is a gift. He is not asking them to find this peace, He is saying, "I'm leaving this peace with you." I'm depositing this peace. You will possess this peace." Our Lord grants them this peace and to all who will follow them in loving and serving Him.

When He said, "My peace that I give you," He was talking about the peace that kept Him calm on that Thursday night knowing what was about to happen; knowing that His disciples would scatter, Peter would deny Him; knowing that He would go to the cross, bear sin. It was the same calm that he exhibited through His whole life when He was treated with mockery, scorn, hostility, hatred and betrayal, all undeserved. Where did that peace come from? Well, essentially, it came from perfect trust in the Father. So just remember: peace

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Despite the stormy weather, Sarah and Liz O'Hotzke, Hannah and Samantha Kominars and Celeste and Mary Sangster spent several hours weeding the flower beds at the entrance to the parish cemetery May 19th.

PARISH CALENDAR**Mass Intentions, [Requested By], Parish Activities**

SAT., MAY 25	Easter Weekday/Sts. Bede the Venerable, Gregory VII and Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14 (284)	1:00 pm Burch Wedding 3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: †Judy Siren, Pat's sister [Pat and Mike Gibbons]
SUN., MAY 26	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 (54) Pss I	8:00-8:15 am Confession 8:30 am Mass: †Evelyn Hankerd [Irene Mockaitis] 10:00-10:15 am Confession 10:30 am Mass: For the People
MON., MAY 27	Easter Weekday/St. Augustine of Canterbury
Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a (291)	8:30 am Mass: †Rita Townsend [The Fitzgerald Family]
TUES., MAY 28	Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11 (292)	8:30 am Mass: †Frances Walters [Shirley Krzyzaniak]
WED., MAY 29	Easter Weekday/St. Paul VI
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15 (293)	8:30 am Mass: †Deceased Members of the Millenbach Family [The Achtenberg Family] 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Loft
THURS., MAY 30	Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20 (294)	8:30 am Mass: †Mae Punches [Bill and Astrida Punches]
FRI., MAY 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56 (572) Pss Prop	8:30 am Mass: INT: Special Intention for improved health [Pat Fitzgerald]
SAT., JUNE 1	St. Justin Martyr/First Saturday
Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28 (296)	8:30 am Mass: †Ethel Fahey [Carol and Jim Copp] 3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: †Brianna Rosenberg [Rosalie Boyd, her Grandmother]
SUN., JUNE 2	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 (58) Pss Prop	8:00-8:15 am Confession 8:30 am Mass: †Fr. Francis Murray, former Pastor St. Mary Church [St. Mary Church] 10:00-10:15 am Confession 10:30 am Mass: For the People

Need Help?

Alternatives to Abortion: Right to Life MI Hotline 800-57WOMAN or visit www.optionline.org	"AA" group meets Fridays and Sundays at 7:00 pm - Emmanuel Church Kitchen.
"Courage" is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction.	"Encourage" is a separate support group for the families and friends of 'Courage' clients. Call 517-342-2596
"Project Rachel" (post-abortive reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291 or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org	For more news and events in the area, please visit our website: stmarymanchester.org

is connected to trust. His trust in the Father was so clear, so consummate, and so complete that Hebrews 12:2 says, "He went to the cross for the joy that was set before Him," even though in the going, in the garden, He was sweating blood in agony.

When Jesus stood before Pilate, Pilate was one disturbed person. Pilate was getting more disturbed and disoriented and more disconnected from any kind of reality the longer he had to cope with Jesus. So finally in frustration in John 19:10 Pilate says to Jesus, "You do not speak to me?" He's literally outraged that Jesus doesn't get who he is and how important he is. "You do not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" The calm is stunning. Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above." That's trust.

St. Paul, in Ephesians 6:15 calls the Gospel, "The Gospel of peace," because the Gospel brings peace between the sinner and God. On the cross, He paid the penalty for your sin, and that frees God to forgive you and impute the righteousness of Christ to you. Look at 2 Corinthians 5:18, "God, who reconciled us to Himself." Verse 19, "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself by not counting their trespasses against them." That's the kind of peace we're talking about. Since the rebellion of Adam and Eve, the whole human race has been born alienated from God. The whole human race has been born enemies of God. But Christ brought peace between God and humanity through His sacrifice. But that objective peace also provides for us a subjective peace, an internal peace, an experiential peace; a sense of goodness, trust, contentment, tranquility, confidence, well-being; and that is why when we get together, we love to sing, we love to praise together and we wish that peace to each other. When you offer during Mass "Peace be with you" you're expressing that, experience of the subjective peace that comes from the objective reality of being reconciled to God. That's the joy that we have in being believers.

Dear brothers and sisters, Romans 14:17 says, "The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking; the kingdom of God is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." These two are really inseparable: if you're at peace, you're in joy. It is a peace that not only protects you from anxiety, fear, doubt and despair; but it is a peace that triumphs over everything with courage, confidence, and contentment. It's a triumphant peace. ❖

Please Pray for:

Russ Aiuto
Matt Beals
Ann Becktel
Duane Beuerle

The country of Burkina Faso
Sue DuRussel
Mike Gibbons
Wilma Lentz
Babette Medlock

Lois Milkey
Toby Riley
Joyce Stein
Geneva Walkowe
Joan Walkowe
Eddie Walz



St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS Sunday, May 12, 2019

Sunday Envelopes\$4,137.00
Loose Cash & Checks\$192.00
Welcome Envelopes\$83.00
Kids Envelopes\$3.50
E-Giving\$310.94
Coffee Hour\$399.00

Weekly toward budget\$5,124.44
Weekly goal\$5,300.00
Amt. **BELOW** goal\$174.56

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Buildings and Maintenance ..\$645.00
Poor Box\$38.36
Votive Candles\$16.00

Parish Family Birthdays

May 25Mary McGoff
May 25Ricardo Villarreal
May 26Nancy Gross
May 26Monica Kominars
May 28Heather Dahl
May 29James Landini
May 30Benjamin Dahl
May 31Hannah Woods

Sanctuary Lamps

are burning this week for:

1. The repose of the soul of and in memory of †Franz Leib (Peter and Inge Roncoli)
2. The repose of the soul of and in memory of †Geraldine Yekulis-Brooks (Jim and Marja Warner)

Parish News

Choir Rehearsals

The St. Mary Adult Choir will be rehearsing on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the choir loft: **May 29th**; and **June 5th**. The Choir will be singing at 10:30 am Mass on **June 2nd and 9th**.

Mission Appeal

Fr. Blaise Czaja, CP will be visiting our parish next weekend, **June 2nd-3rd** for a mission appeal. He is representing the Catholic Diocese of Mandeville in Jamaica. Please read the bulletin insert for more details about our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please be as generous as you are able.

Honoring 2019 Graduates

The Baccalaureate Service to honor the 2019 graduates will be held on **Thursday, June 6th** at Manchester United Methodist Church at 7:30 pm. Please come out to celebrate the youth of our community.

Praise & Worship

As we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, please join us for a time of praise and worship on the vigil of that great feast, **Saturday June 8th**, at 7:30 pm in the church. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praise music, sharings, and prayer.

Calling all Graduating Seniors

Seniors and their immediate family are cordially invited to this year's Senior Graduation Breakfast on **Sunday, June 9th** following 8:30 am Mass in the FFH. Please wear your cap and gown and meet 15 minutes prior to Mass in the Fr. Fisher Hall. RSVP 734-428-1328 to Laurie Sanders with your family count for this special tradition hosted by the Altar Society, no later than **Friday, May 31st**.

Please Help VBS

Vacation Bible School needs volunteers in order to be a success. For more info, email Karin Villarreal stmarymanchester.dre@gmail.com.

Enroll Now

Mark your calendars for **June 17th-20th**. VBS will be at Emanuel Church of Christ 5:30-8:00 pm. Register your children age 3-6th grade by June 1st to receive your own Space Ice Cream. We will be collecting paper goods and household cleaning supplies for nightly offering. Visit <https://bit.ly/2GDWka7> to register.

Masses and Memorials

If you would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Flowers or request a Mass, there are openings available. This is a good way to honor the memory of your deceased loved ones. You may even have Mass offered for a special intention. Contact the Parish Office at 734-428-8811.

Cleaning Crew Needs You

Stephanie needs a few more people on board to help with weekly cleaning. The 1st Monday of every month she needs 2 people at the Parish Center; on 4th Mondays 1 person to help Frank Cousino at the Parish Center; on 3rd Mondays 1 person to help Kathy Brogley at Father Fisher Hall. Please contact Stephanie at 734-368-8585 or by email sbeuerle@hotmail.com if you are able to help fill these spots. She will teach you what needs to be done.

Get Your Raffle Tickets Soon!

Tickets are still available for our 2019 Ice Cream Social Fundraising Raffle. To obtain tickets, please call Tom Burch (734-260-0056), stop in at the Parish Office. Fr. Bosco will announce when sellers will be present after Masses.

Area News

Washtenaw Catholic Council on Aging

has scheduled the Senior Day of Reflection for **June 6, 2019** - 10:00am- 1:00pm at St. Joseph Dexter Village Campus.

2019 Diocesan Men's Retreat June 14th-15th DeSales Center, Brooklyn MI. Reflect on what it means to be a son, brother, husband, father ... not only physically – but also spiritually. Call Rich for info 517.342.2556.

Altar Flowers

For the week of May 26th

sponsored by

Patricia and Michael

Gibbons

In Memory of

†**Judy Siren**



St. Mary's 2019 DSA

Our parish goal: \$28,001

To date: 72 families have

pledged \$18,785 or 68.3% of our goal, with \$12,520 paid.

Thank you for your commitment!